[Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai.]

and conveniences are afforded for the encouragement of the dyeing industry from indigenous dye-stuffs which are reported to be abundant in Travancore shores and forests?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to open a combined dyeing and tanning factory similar to the one carried on by the Punjab Government at Shadara?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) The Government are not aware that indigenous dye-stuffs are abundant in Travancore. There is provision for a dyeing class in the Central Technological Institute where instruction is given in the use of indigenous dye-stuffs as well as synthetic dyes.

(2) The Government have already a tannery where the dyeing of leather is carried on and also a dye-house where textile goods can be dyed. It is not believed that any advantage will be gained by combining these two at present.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): It is stated in part (1) of the answer that the Government are not aware that indigenous dye-stuffs are abundant in Travancore. May I know from the member whether he is aware that in his report on the Industrial Survey Dr. Barker has stated that there are abundant dye-stuffs in Travancore?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is stated in the answer that the Government are not aware that indigenous dye-stuffs are *abundant* in Travancore.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Has not Dr. Barker stated in his report on the Industrial Survey of Travancore that there are abundant dye-stuffs here?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not aware of that.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know whether Government verified the report before they prepared their answer to this question?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not aware of the statement made by Dr. Barker.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know whether he is aware of Dr. Barker's "Industrial Survey"?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Want of vigilance of the Police at Tiruvitankod.

166. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): (1) Is it a fact that theft and burglary are on the increase in Tiruvitankod?

(2) Is it a fact that, owing to the trouble and annoyance caused by rowdies, respectable men and women especially find it very difficult to walk along the public roads?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and do the needful?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (1) and (2) The answer is in the negative.

(3) This does not arise in view of the answers to parts (1) and (2). However, the Commissioner of Police has been directed to enquire into the matter personally.

Dewan's Pronouncement re 'Brooke Bond Concession.'

167. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : With reference to the pronouncement "The final verdict will rest with the representatives of the people" made by the Dewan in his address to the twenty-third session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly regarding the "Brooke Bond Concession" will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what the Government had in mind when this pronouncement was made ; and

(*b*) whether it means that the verdict of the members of the Legislative Council will be taken before the "Brooke Bond Concession" would materialise ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The idea of the Government was as stated by the member in part (*b*) of his interpellation.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : With regard to answer to part (*b*), may I know whether the idea of the Government has undergone any change since the pronouncement was made? The word used in the answer is "was". I want to know if the idea of the Government is still the same.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Till this moment, it is like that.

Transaction with Messrs. Brooke Bond Tea Company.

168. **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*) : With reference to paragraph 12 of the Dewan's opening address to the twenty-third session of the S. M. P. Assembly embodying the proposal to register large areas of *puduval* lands, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) at what stage the correspondence between Messrs. Brooke Bond Tea Company and the Government stands at present ;

(*b*) whether the survey of the lands referred to is over ;

(*c*) whether the land has been found fit for tea cultivation ;

(*d*) whether any money has been spent by the Government on account of the said survey operations, and, if so, the approximate amount spent or proposed to be spent ; and

(*e*) whether the Government are aware of the public protest against the proposed scheme and the intensity and the volume of public opinion as evidenced by public meetings, assembly representations, letters and pamphlets published by accredited representatives of the people, and criticisms in the newspapers, both inside and outside the State ?

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